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FOR ARA/ECP - STEVE ROGERS

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TAGS: ETRD, CS
SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN EXPORTS TO GSP

1. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST MADE AT THE FEBRUARY 17-18
CONFERENCE OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS OF CENTRAL
AMERICA, THE EMBASSY HAS ATTEMPTED TO ASSESS THE EFFECT OF
GSP ON COSTA RICA'S EXPORTS IN 1976.

2. COMPLETE STATISTICS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT THE
COSTA RICAN EXPORT PROMOTION CENTER HAS COMPILED STATISTICS
OF APPLICATIONS FOR FORMULA A CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR
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GSP ELIGIBLE EXPORTS. THESE DATA SHOW THAT A TOTAL OF
813 CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED TO 97 EXPORTERS DURING 1976.
THIS DATA INDICATES A CONSIDERABLE RESPONSE, ESPECIALLY
IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF EXPORTERS WHO HAVE BEEN
REACHED BY THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THIS PROGRAM AND
WHO HAVE ACTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM.

3. THE TOTAL VOLUME OF TRADE UNDER GSP IN 1976 WAS NOT LARGE, BUT ANALYSIS OF EXPORT DATA DOES SHOW THAT, IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, GSP HAS STRONGLY STIMULATED EXPORTS OF SOME ITEMS. BUT THE TOTAL VALUE OF TRADE IN THE ITEMS (ESTIMATED BY THE EMBASSY ON THE BASIS OF QUANTITIES SHIPPED AND REPRESENTATIVE PRICES) REMAINED SMALL. THE FOLLOWING SELECTED ITEMS, WHICH SHOW ESTIMATED VALUE OF SHIPMENTS UNDER GSP IN 1976 (WITH PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN PHYSICAL VOLUME OF SHIPMENTS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR SHOWN IN PARENTHESIS), ILLUSTRATE THE POINT:

VEGETABLES \$247,000 (31 PERCENT)
HANDICRAFTS AND JEWELRY \$197,000 (238"034:3,5)
CURED HIDES \$133,000 (3400 PERCENT)
LEATHER FURNITURE \$1,138,000 (280 PERCENT)
FIBERGLASS YACHTS \$360,000 (NO SHIPMENTS IN 1975)

4. THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF A GREAT DEAL OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY THAT HAS BEEN STIMULATED BY THE GSP SYSTEM, BUT IT DOES KNOW OF ONE CASE OF NEW INDUSTRY (FLATWARE) APPARENTLY STARTED BECAUSE OF THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OFFERED BY GSP.

5. THE EMBASSY INTENDS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL DATA AND TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF GSP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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